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I. Governors

Liberal Democrats (LDP)	won	18
Socialist (JSP)	won	2
TOTAL		20

II. Key Governorships

Three Liberal Democrats

Tokyo LDP won by 169,157 votes

Ryutaro Azuma 1,821,346

Hachiro Arita 1,652,189

Osaka LDP won by 22,869 votes

Gisen Sato 1,008,293

Tadayoshi Obata 985,424

Hokkaido LDP won by 128,853 votes

Kingo Machimura 1,092,456

Setsuo Yokomichi 963,603

One Socialist

Fukuoka JSP won by 247,814 votes

Taichi Uzaki 958,131

Karoku Tsuchiya 710,317

III. Key Mayors

Osaka LDP won by 267,239 votes

Mitsujiro Nakai 636,900

Kaoru Chuman 369,661

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Yokohama LDP won by 70,573

Kiyoshi Nakarai 288,425

Kyrichi Ishikawa 217,852

IV. 2,657 Prefectural Assembly Seats

LDP 1,593 - 10 percent over 1955

Socialists 561 - 5 percent over 1955

Communist 12

Minor Parties 71

**Independents 419 - (Majority will vote with or
join the Liberal Democratic
party)**

**Contested 1 - (No candidate secured minimum
no. votes)**

1959

**Voting 79.5 percent
Rate**

1955 (Last election)

77.2 percent